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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, £1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

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Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
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D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

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BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
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" 12 " 5 " " "

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

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RODGERS'S CELEBRATED CUTLERY.

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CHATEAU DE FRANDS. (A fine full flavoured Breakfast OLIVET.)

BRANDIES. GIN. LIQUEURS.

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LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

Superior to all similar Preparations.

VOGEL & Co., Sole Agents for China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879.

FOR SALE.

A 58-inch SINGER & Co.'s "SPECIAL CHALLENGE" BICYCLE, quite new.

PATENT BEARINGS. PATENT SADDLE.

DOUBLE BRAKE, & EXTRAS. Will be sold under Invoice Price; owner leaving Colony.

Apply to SAYLE & Co., Where Machine can be seen.

Hongkong, March 3, 1879.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II. A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Five DOLLARS, or Two DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, the 11th of March, 1879, at 11 o'clock a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD, Sundry condemned NAVAL and VICTUALLING STORES, comprising:—Old Wrought and Cast Iron, Iron Tanks, Leather Hoses, Canvas, Lamps, Lanterns, Glass, Clocks, Boats, etc., etc. Sundry Provisions, Clothing, etc. 4 Tins each 4 gal. Ether.

And, 2817 lbs. Tobacco.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1879.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE AGENTS FOR

CURCIER and ADETS' OLIVETS. COURVOISIER'S BRANDY. CHUBBS' SAFES. WHITEHEAD'S STOUT. VAN HOBOKEN'S GIN.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Beg to call Special Attention to the following Departments:—

COAST ORDER DEPARTMENT: ORDERS from the COAST or OUT-PORTS are Promptly and Carefully Executed. Goods not in Stock will be procured, if possible, in the Colony.

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FORWARDING AGENCY: PACKAGES of CURIOS, TEA, PRESERVES, &c., &c., forwarded to any Address in the UNITED KINGDOM by each P. & O. Mail, Charges in full collected either here or from the Consignees as desired. Particulars required with each Package are, Contents for declaration at Customs and value for insurance.

Hongkong, February 27, 1879.

G. FALCONER & Co.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

48, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, February 20, 1879.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th March, 1879, at 3 1/2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company, will be held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing certain Special Resolutions providing for the following alterations in the Constitution and Articles of Association of the Company; viz:—

1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.

2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to Warrant the Payment of Interest at 12 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the Interests of the Company.

3.—To enable the Directors if a necessity shall arise to pay such Interest or any part thereof out of the Reserve Fund.

4.—To provide that when there shall be profits applicable for dividend the same shall be divisible as the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine.

5.—That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.

6.—That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Company be expunged, leaving the future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1865.

NOTICE is hereby also given, that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the same Hour and Place on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of confirming such Special Resolutions as may be passed at the First mentioned Meeting.

Dated this Third day of February, 1879.

By Order,
J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent.

Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1879.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING Shareholders are requested to send in an ACCOUNT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the half year ended 31st December 1878, on or before March 31st, on which date the accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 25, 1879.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 93.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.—WOOSUNG RIVER.

WOOSUNG INNER BAR SIGNALS.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after the 31st March, 1879, Geometrical Signals will be substituted for the flags now in use at the Woosung Inner Bar Station, showing the depth of water on the Bar during the day.

An explanatory diagram, showing the signals which indicate the depth of water from 10 feet to 24 feet and which will show the same in approaching the signal station both from Shanghai and from seaward, is added herewith.

To indicate a rising tide a ball will be hoisted at the mast head.

In case of there being greater or less depths of water than here given, the number of feet will be signalled by the "Universal Code of Signals" at the mast head, and the half feet by a red and white flag at the yard-arm.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs,
GERALD E. WELLESLEY, Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Engineer's Office, Shanghai, 31st Jan., 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of One Pound Sterling (21 Sigs.) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

MOORE & Co.

"VARIETY STORE."

NEWS AGENTS and TOBACCONISTS.

No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

F. HUTCHINGS

begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—WALLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR HOIHOW & HAIPHONG.

The Steamship "ATALANTA," Captain G. FERRERSEN, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 7th Instant, at 7 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

FOR HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG.

The Steamship "CONQUEST," Captain SCOTT, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY AFTERNOON, the 7th Inst., at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to E. SHUN HONG, Agent.

No. 42, Bonham Street, Hongkong, March 3, 1879.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COCKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Departure of the Company's Steamship "OCEAN," EDWARDSON, Commander, is POSTPONED until SATURDAY, the 8th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, March 3, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANIS," Commandant DE LA MARCELLE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, February 28, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "AMAZONE," Commandant BRUNET, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, February 28, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The British Steamer "ATHOLL," Captain THOMSON, will load here for the above Ports, and will leave this on FRIDAY, the 7th Instant, at 2.30 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HOP KEE.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The American Bark "ALDEN BESSE," Captain NORRIS, will load here for the above Port, and will leave this on MONDAY, the 10th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HOP KEE.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

FOR VICTORIA (VANCOUVER'S ISLAND).

The A 1 American Bark "HELENE," Captain SNOW, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The A 1 American Bark "COLOMA," Captain HALL, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "MATCHLESS," Captain DAWNS, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the SAILOR'S HOME, West Point.
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM KOBE, NAGASAKI & AMOY.

THE S. S. *Glenorchy* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 10th instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, March 3, 1879. ma10

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Ex "Ara."

A M E (in diamond) A M O (underneath)
No. 89, Order, 2 cases Haberdashery, from London.

R J A H (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge
Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from London.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Steamship
"NAMO,"
Capt. Westcott, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 7th instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, March 5, 1879. ma7

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship
"VICENTA,"
Tremova, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 8th instant.
For Freight, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, March 5, 1879. mrs

NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS against the German Bark *EXCELSIOR*, Captain Klock, must be sent in to the Undersigned before 4 p.m. TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, or they will not be recognized.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879. ma6



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER hereby intimates that outstanding amounts due on account of CROWN RENTS for Half-year ending the 25th December, 1878, and on account of the POLICE, LIGHTING, WATER, and FIRE BRIGADE RATES, for the 1st QUARTER of the Current Year, must be paid on or before the 10th March instant, after which proceedings for Recovery will be taken in the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

COLONIAL TREASURY,
Hongkong, March 5, 1879. ma6

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract.

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY, situated at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILL, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FIXTURES.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.
Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

EIGHT PER CENT. SILVER LOAN

THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT.

Authorized by Imperial Decree dated the 14th Day of the Ninth Month of the Fourth Year of Kwong-Su (9th October, 1878.)

Haikuan Taels 1,750,000—Shanghai Taels 1,949,500 Stock.

In Bonds of Shanghai Taels 500 each, bearing Interest from 11th April, 1879.

The First Instalment of Interest being payable on 5th October, 1879, in HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

The Bonds are redeemable at PAR WITHIN SIX YEARS (1884) by HALF-YEARLY (ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE CALENDAR) DRAWINGS.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN HONGKONG.

PRICE OF ISSUE—PAR.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION hereby invites SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SHANGHAI TAELS 1,757,000 of 8 PER CENT.

Bonds at the issue PRICE OF PAR, payable as follows:—

SHANGHAI TAELS 10 per cent. on application.	
90	15 days after allotment.
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The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of Shanghai Taels eight per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly according to the Chinese Calendar, as per annexed Schedule, at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai.

The first payment of interest on the full amount of each Bond will be payable on 5th October, 1879, at the above-mentioned places.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within six years (1884) by 11 half-yearly Drawings, commencing 5th October, 1879, of Shanghai Taels 162,500 each, the balance of the Loan, Shanghai Taels 162,000, being paid off on 8th August, 1884.

The Drawings will take place in Hongkong in February and August in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the respective dates specified in annexed Schedule at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai, after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorized by an Imperial Decree, dated 9th of October, 1878.

The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Ningpo and Hankow—the five Ports which have the largest Customs' Revenue of the Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The special hypothecation of Customs' Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Customs' Bonds, signed by the Viceroy and Governors of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs' Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Chinese Customs' Duties.

Certified Translations of the Official Documents authorizing the Loan, may be inspected at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong and Shanghai.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.
If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the final instalment.

Bonds to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipt.

Principal Interest.	Total.
1st Instalment due 5th October, 1879.....	162,500.00—69,325.81—241,825.81
2nd " 30th March, 1880.....	162,500.00—69,421.70—241,921.70
3rd " 28th September, 1880.....	162,500.00—69,517.59—242,017.59
4th " 19th March, 1881.....	162,500.00—69,613.48—242,113.48
5th " 12th September, 1881.....	162,500.00—69,709.37—242,209.37
6th " 8th March, 1882.....	162,500.00—69,805.26—242,305.26
7th " 1st September, 1882.....	162,500.00—69,901.15—242,401.15
8th " 25th February, 1883.....	162,500.00—69,997.04—242,497.04
9th " 21st August, 1883.....	162,500.00—70,092.93—242,592.93
10th " 14th February, 1884.....	162,500.00—70,188.82—242,688.82
11th " 9th August, 1884.....	162,500.00—70,284.71—242,784.71

Shanghai Taels.....1,757,000.00 415,887.86 2,272,887.86

Applications (Forms of which can be obtained at the offices of the Bank) accompanied by a deposit of Shanghai Taels Ten per cent., will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation until the eleventh day of April, 1879, on which date the allotment will be made.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, AGENTS
ISSUING THE LOAN,

(Signed) T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BREITHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R. Haje.—Melchers & Co.

WANDERING MINSTER, British barque, Capt. Sievwright.—Captain.

LABROS, British barque, Capt. T. Brown.—Eduard Schellhaas & Co.

NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Capt. D. Bradford.—Meyer & Co.

CRAGGIE LEA, British barque, Capt. A. L. Wither.—Butterfield & Swire.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 4, *Ara*, French steamer, 2015, Rapatel, Shanghai March 1, Mails and General.—MESSAGIERIES MARITIMES.

March 5, *Adria*, British steamer, 789, E. Stewart, Bombay Jan. 28, Penang Feb. 13, and Singapore 21, General.—P. & O.

N. C. Co.

March 5, *Diomed*, British steamer, 1240, M. H. F. Jackson, Liverpool Jan. 9, via Port of call and Singapore Feb. 27, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

March 5, *China*, German steamer, 640, Ackermann, Shanghai March 9, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

March 5, *Tan J.*, French steamer, 1738, de la Marcellie, Yokohama Feb. 27, Mails and General.—MESS. GEN. MARITIMES.

March 5, *Memur*, British steamer, 3000, J. W. B. Darke, R.N.R., Sydney Jan. 28, Brisbane Feb. 1, Rockhampton 3, Bowen 4, Townsville same date, Cooktown 6, Thursday Island 8, and Singapore 28, Mails and General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 5, *Cordouan*, for Tientsin.

5, *Cresswell*, for Takao.

5, *Penedo*, for Saigon.

5, *Danube*, for Bangkok.

5, *Davina*, for Takao.

5, *Emeralda*, for Amoy.

5, *Phikton*, for Saigon.

5, *Arabella*, for Saigon.

CLEARED.

Argyll, for Saigon.

Irene, for Tientsin.

Hansa, for Hamburg.

Afrida, for Manila.

Pacific Star, for Takao.

Edith, for Chong.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Ara*, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Mr and Mrs Van Corbuck, Mrs Siddons, Messrs Bales, Perry, Kiang, and Kui Pao, and 5 Chinese; for Manilla, Mrs Curtis, Messrs Fraser (H. M. Charge d'Affaires at Peking) Hopkins, Shom, Tomasi, and Sayn.

Per *Panama*, from Yokohama: for Hongkong, 19 Chinese; for Galle, Mrs Williams, 2 children and servant; for Manilla, Mr and Mrs de Geofroy (French Minister), 2 children, and 2 servants, Messrs H. Frank, A. Broesen, and Mrs Green and servant.

Per *Diomed*, from Liverpool, Mr Connor, and 110 Chinese.

Per *China*, from Shanghai, Messrs Cough, Sedgewick, and Rennell, and 13 Chinese.

Per *Memur*, from Sydney, &c., Mr C. Kianto, 2 Europeans in Steerage, and 384 Chinese.

Per *Adria*, from Singapore, &c., 60 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Danube*, for Bangkok, 398 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per *Argyll*, for Straits, 225 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Adria* reports: From Bombay to Penang light winds and fine weather with rain in the Malacca Straits, and during stay at Singapore. Left Singapore via Palawan passage and experienced light winds and fine weather to Scarborough Shoal, from thence to port very heavy N.E. swell and strong monsoon with very heavy sea from Prates.

The steamer *Diomed* reports: Light winds and calms from port to Paracels, from thence to port strong N.E. monsoon with high sea.

The steamer *China* reports: Left Shanghai on the 2nd at 5 a.m., and arrived at Hongkong on the 5th at 2 p.m. Had fresh N.E. wind and rainy weather as far as Chelang, from thence cloudy weather and strong N.W. wind.

The British steamer *Memur* reports: Left the Company's wharf, Sydney, at 2.30 p.m. on 28th Jan., Brisbane Feb. 1st at 2 p.m., Rockhampton 3rd at 4.30 a.m., Bowen 4th at 8 a.m., Townsville 6th at 8.17 p.m., Cooktown 8th at 8.55 a.m., Thursday Island 8th at 9 p.m., passed through Carimatta Straits at 10 a.m. on the 20th. Arrived at Singapore anchorage at 6.30 a.m. on 22nd. Left Singapore at 6.30 a.m. on 26th, and arrived at Hongkong at 4 p.m. March 5th. Experienced variable winds and weather from Sydney to Thursday Island, thence to Singapore strong

head winds and sea, and from Singapore to 14 N. very fine weather and calm sea with light Easterly winds, then variable winds and unsettled weather to within 150 miles of Hongkong, and thence to port strong head winds and heavy head sea.

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG.

When left.	Name.	From.
Aug.	9, Urania,	Penarth
Sept.	23, Cilarum,	Cardiff
Oct.	10, Jacobine,	Liverpool
	10, Rosine,	Cardiff
	10, Hermann,	Bremen
Nov.	3, Jan Peter,	Maasuis
	21, Fulda,	Hamburg
	29, Rosaire,	Cardiff
Dec	18, Blenheim,	Flushing
	21, Kong See (s.),	London
	23, Glamis Castle,	Cardiff
Jan.	11, Scotland (s.),	London

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.

Gleniffer. Glenalloch.

Merionethshire. Galley of Lorne.

Carriicks. Sailing Vessel.

At Liverpool. Dencaulion (s.) Sarpedon (s.)

At Glasgow. Glenoe (s.) via London.

CARGOES.

Per S. S. *City of Peking*, sailed February 24th, 1879:—For Yokohama, 162 pk. s. Merchandise; for San Francisco, 46,899 bags Rice, 205 bags Coffee, 193 bags Beans, 1,000 bales Hemp, 125 pkgs. Prepared Opium, 85 pkgs. Tea (5,450 lbs.), 1 pkgs. Treasure (value \$1,200), and 3,475 pkgs. Merchandise; for Victoria, 6 pkgs. Opium, 10 pkgs. Sugar, and 24 pkgs. Merchandise; for Honolulu, 14 pkgs. Merchandise; for La Libertad, 1 pkgs. Silks; for Santa Arcenas, 100 bags Rice; for Panama, 200 bags Rice, 5 bags Pepper, 2 packages Silks, and 79 packages Merchandise; for Callao, 6 pkgs. Opium, 3 pkgs. Tea (234 lbs.), 33 pkgs. Silks, and 35 pkgs. Merchandise; for New York, 180 rolls Matting, 142 bales Raw Silk, 10 pkgs. Tea (679 lbs.), 2 pkgs. Silk Piece Goods, and 82 Merchandise; for Boston, 8 bales Raw Silk.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.—Per *Namoa*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 6th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For HOIHOW & HAIPHONG, (with Mails for Pakhoi and Hanoi).—Per *Atalanta*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 6th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Per *Atoll*, at 2 p.m., on Friday, the 7th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.—Per *Ocean*, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 8th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For MANILA.—Per barque *Vicenta*, at 3 p.m., on Saturday, the 8th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Ara* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 8th March, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Belgic* will be despatched on MONDAY, the 17th March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Counties) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay, can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, February 28, 1879. mrl7

HOURS OF CLOSING.

THE POST-OFFICE MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure.—

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure.—

7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.

Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Claims against the *Excelsior* must be sent in to the Agents before 4 p.m.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 7:—

Daylight.—*Namoa* leaves for Coast Ports.

7 a.m.—*Atalanta* leaves for Hoihow, &c.

2.30 p.m.—*Atoll* leaves for Singapore, &c.

5 p.m.—*Conquest* leaves for Hoihow, &c.

SATURDAY, March 8:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—*Ocean* leaves for Port Darwin, &c.

8 p.m.—Meeting of United Service Lodge. *Vicenta* leaves for Manila.

MONDAY, March 10:—

8 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 39, Queen's Road.

Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 24th March, inclusive.

Alden Bess leaves for Portland Oregon. Goods per *Glenorchy* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, March 11:—

11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Naval Yard.

WEDNESDAY, March 12

man, in conjunction with Mr. E. R. Bellios, bought the entire property belonging to Mr. Duddell in Queen's Road and Duddell Street, and we congratulate him in this fresh acquisition, trusting it may turn out as satisfactory and profitable an investment as the previous one is said to have done.

RETURN OF VISITORS to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending March 2nd, 1879.—

	European.	Chinese.
Monday, Feb. 24th,	65	534
Tuesday, 25th,	70	448
Wednesday, 26th,	50	348
Thursday, 27th,	63	335
Friday, 28th,	71	703
Saturday, March 1st,	248	514
Sunday, 2nd,	39	Sunday
Totals,	906	2,882
Grand total, 3,483.		

Grand total, 3,488.

It will be seen that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank invites subscriptions for the new 8 per cent. silver loan of the Chinese Imperial Government. This the third loan negotiated by our local bank with the Chinese is for Sh. Tael 1,949,500, of which Tla. 1,787,000 are to be raised in Tla. 500 bonds, redeemable at par within six years, by half-yearly drawings. The loan is authorised by Imperial decree, of date Oct. 9, 1878, and is secured by the hypothecation of the Customs' Revenue of the ports of Shanghai, Foochow, Canton, Ningpo and Hankow. Applications will be received by the Bank until the 11th April, on which date the allotment will be made.

The editing of the *Government Gazette* is becoming a very important philological piece of work, considering the large proportion of its contents which is now translated and printed in Chinese. In this day's issue there are notices of the cases at the Criminal Sessions, the case of perjury recently punished by Justice Snowden in the Summary Court, and the usual summary of cases at the Magistracy. Dr. Eitel's returns of the Grant-in-Aid School Examinations are also reproduced in Chinese, while a list of unclaimed letters addressed to Chinese is also given in this number. All this is most commendable, and would be a great step in the proper direction were it not for the fact that publication in the *Gazette* can scarcely be called publication. It need hardly be shown how the official organ is forced to "waste its sweetness on the desert air." Still, these efforts on the part of the Government are worthy of praise so far as their influence goes, though a wider publicity could easily be attained.

One feature in to-day's *Gazette* is the new Jury List, and the great feature of the Jury List is the unusual number of gentlemen's names advanced to the dignity of Special Jurors. Amongst these latter appear the names of two Chinese—one a merchant, and the other an insurance secretary.

LATEST FROM SHANGHAI.

The N. C. Daily News of the 1st March has the following:—

Hugh Fraser, Esq., H. M.'s Chargé d'Affaires, leaves in the *Avon*. It is thought that he will stay in Hongkong to see Sir Thomas Wade before proceeding homeward to England.

Mr. H. Sayn, Secretary of the French Municipal Council, is among the passengers leaving by the *Avon* for Marseilles, and it is notified that Mr. C. Causade will officiate as Acting Secretary during his absence.

Among the passengers who arrived by the last French mail was H. E. Signor de Luca, the new Italian Minister to Peking, who, before proceeding on his way to present his credentials at that Court, is staying at the Shanghai Club.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—The Governor-General of Charkoff has been shot by an assassin and wounded severely.

The *Courier*, of same date (1st March) furnishes these items:—

A fire broke out about three o'clock this morning, which resulted in the total destruction of the Metropolitan Hotel, occupied by Mr. Murphy, and situated in Broadway, on the north side of the Hong-kow Creek. The fire was first observed by a native policeman, who, finding one of the doors open, went into the house, but there was no one there. Another native policeman also came to the spot, and they at once reported the occurrence to the Hongkong Police Station, where the fire-bell was tolled. Officers from this station proceeded at once to the hotel with extinguishers, but the fire had obtained so great a hold on the building that they were of no use. The whole of the fire brigades and four of the steam engines were in prompt attendance, and their efforts were so far successful that the fire was confined to the building in which it broke out, but this was totally destroyed and none of the furniture saved. The last of the engines went home at half-past five o'clock. Mr. Murphy had an iron safe containing valuable property, and we believe it has been recovered.

Subscriptions for Shanghai Tael 1,787,000 of an eight per cent silver loan of the Chinese Government, authorised by Imperial decree, are invited by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The Bonds are of Tla. 500 each, and are redeemable at par within six years by half-yearly drawings. The loan (principal and interest) is especially secured by the hypothecation of the Customs' revenue of the ports of Shanghai, Foochow, Canton, Ningpo and Hankow. Outlets for the provinces in which these ports are situated, being held in deposit by the Bank in trust for the holders of the loan, and which bonds will, in case of need, be received in payment of Chinese Customs' duties. Applications will be received up to the 11th April, 1879.

TELEGRAMS.

From an advance copy of the *Straits Times* (from which we note that Mr. Stewart is not amongst the *Amazona* passengers) we take the following:—

London, Feb. 19.—Advices just to hand from the seat of war at the Cape report a victory having been gained by the British troops under Col. Evelyn Wood, V. O., who were attacked by four thousand Zulus on the 24th January. Our loss was trifling. Wood's column is falling back on Utrecht. The first reinforcements have started.

London, Feb. 23.—The latest advices are dated Capetown February 4th and report that the British troops are standing on the defensive, but the Zulus are not attacking persons (private persons). The British column under Colonel Pearson is entrenched at Ekow, and Lord Chelmsford the Commander-in-Chief of the forces with his staff is going to join him. Native assistance is being dispensed with and the contingent is disorganised.

AFGHANISTAN.

Romboy, Feb. 20.—The Head Quarters of General Roberts have been transferred to Thull.

The Amer of Afghanistan is still at Muzat Shereef.

The Commander-in-Chief in India, H. E. General Sir Frederick Paul Haines, G. C. B., has gone to Jellalabad.

Romboy, Feb. 23.—A large meeting of Moolahs has declared that the Amer of Afghanistan having sought Russian help, a religious demonstration in his favour would be unlawful.

GRANT-IN-AID SCHOOLS.

Dr. E. J. Eitel, Acting Government Inspector of Schools, has made the following report to the Colonial Secretary:—

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HONGKONG, 29th January, 1879.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose a table showing the results of the examinations I conducted in the Schools at present under the Grant-in-Aid system.

The total number of schools examined amounted to 17 as against 14 in 1877 and 12 in 1876. The total number of children presented amounted to 507 as against 459 in 1877 and 390 in 1876. The passes amounted to 95 per cent. as against 86 per cent. in 1877 and 7 per cent. in 1876. Accordingly the amount total earned by the Grant-in-Aid Schools amounts to \$4,811.68, as against \$3,752.80 in 1877 and \$1,707.00 in 1876. The difference in the amounts annually earned is caused, in the first instance, by the increase of the value of passes introduced in 1877, and in the second instance by a steady increase from year to year in the number of schools placed under the Grant-in-Aid system, in the number of scholars presented for examination, and the percentage of scholars who passed successfully.

The amount total provided in the Estimates for 1879 is \$4,500. Of this sum we have already spent \$225 in gratuities for the best Masters of the Government outside schools. Adding thereto \$4,811.68, now required for the Grant-in-Aid Schools, we exceed the amount provided by \$536.68. There was a small excess in 1878, but it was always by guess-work estimating beforehand the sum required for Grant-in-Aid, as it is impossible to tell beforehand how many children will be presented and what the average attendance throughout the year will be.

I did not require an Assistant Examiner, but as regards the classification of the merits of the needletwork in Girls' schools, the following Ladies kindly undertook to act as Judges, viz.: Mrs. Burdon, Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Grundy, Mrs. G. Sharp, Mrs. U. M. Noronha, Mrs. and Miss Caldwell.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates' sitting.) 5th March, 1879.

"BLACK WATCH" ABO.

John Anderson, a seaman, was charged with being a stranger from the British barque *Black Watch*. Defendant admitted the charge and was ordered to be sent on board.

MORE STRAGGLERS.

Donald Puchy and George Thomas, seamen, were charged with being stragglers from the American ship *Paul Kerner*. The ship left yesterday and the defendants gave themselves up as destitute.

Mr. Cragh discharged them and ordered them accommodation and food for 14 days in the goal.

A VALUABLE SERVANT.

Wong Ayan, an engine driver, was summoned at the instance of Mr. J. M. Amanuel for leaving his service without giving the usual month's notice. It would appear that the defendant was a monthly servant of the Cosmopolitan Dock Company and had been in their employ for seven or eight years at different rates of pay from \$6 a month and upwards. On the 17th February he had asked for leave to go to Canton as he was sick, and a few days later he returned from Canton and told Mr. Emanuel that he was still sick. The next Mr. Emanuel steam-launch as driver. The launch had formerly been the property of the Dock Company. Defendant was asked to return to his work, but refused unless he got an increase of pay. His present rate of pay was \$10 per month. Finally the defendant agreed to return to his work, and the charge was withdrawn.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$11,000.

Pong Ayow, compadore to Messrs. Murray, Kesorjee & Co., was charged on remand with embezzling the sum of \$11,000 or thereabouts, the moneys of his employers with which he was entrusted by virtue of his employment.

This case was continued to-day. The evidence was very complicated, and dragged along very slowly, as it rested mainly on the examination of books and accounts.

Mr. Donny contended that the case should be dismissed, that it was in reality a civil case, and that the question as to the relation the prisoner bore to the firm was one for the Supreme Court. Mr. Kertsey, he said, had really had no intention at first of a criminal prosecution, but had merely laid the information in order to ensure the defendant's presence.

His Worship intimated that he would send the case to the Supreme Court, but that he should require bail to the full amount the defendant was charged with

having embezzled. It was thought absurd to take bail for \$4,000, as, if the defendant had the \$11,000, he could pay it and have a profit of \$7,000.

The defendant was then committed for trial at the Supreme Court, but admitted to bail in \$11,000.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL," Hongkong, Mar. 4, 1879.

SIR,—With reference to the repetition of the Excursion to Macao on Saturday next, I am of opinion, and beg leave to suggest to our popular Secretary, that if he could, instead of despatching the *Cloude* at 2.30 p.m. on that day, place the *Poron* on the trip (leaving here at 5 p.m. and returning therefrom at 9 p.m. on Sunday), he would be conferring a most obliging favour upon the former and the would-be excursionists, as I hear from almost all of the former that they would gladly rejoin the excursion were the steamer to leave here at the hour I have stated and return from Macao on Sunday night. Under such circumstances I may predict with some confidence that the Portuguese Community will not miss the opportunity laid before them to visit their home and take part in the procession which, if weather permits, will take place on Sunday, as they are, with no exception, all "devotees" of the Cross; and foreigners may also embrace the same for a "voyage de diversion."

It is said that the *Poron* is in the opinion of the majority a fit boat for excursioning purposes, and runs well now, and that the well-known Benning pilots her famously. Thanking you for the publicity of the above lines and awaiting the results of my suggestion,

I am, Yours,

EXCURSIONIST.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL," March 5, 1879.

SIR,—Mr. Russell is reported to have said that "There was no doubt at the present moment merchants were entirely in the hands of their native servants," &c. If this really represents the present position of our leading merchants, it is to say the least a most extraordinary confession; but happily there were few gentlemen at the meeting who seemed to have found themselves surrounded with such difficulties. I would suggest as a remedy to such trials that merchants may be endeavouring to try a little

ACTIVITY.

Canton.

3rd March, 1879.

Omitting it accidentally from our note of Saturday evening, let us hasten to declare what we felt was due the accomplished amateur of the German community of Hongkong who presided at the Piano on that occasion in a manner and with a skill calculated to reconcile us to the absence of Mr. Russell; and we might add more, as expressive of the enjoyment he afforded the audience, did we not think that his appreciation of our said musical celebrity accords with our own.

The cold, wet weather continued yesterday and last night, the thermometer dropping to 50°; and though there was a fair prospect this a.m., the barometer fell to 29.87 this p.m., and there is rain again this evening. Altogether there has been a recurrence of electrical discharges every night or day from the 25th to the 28th and heavy rainfalls since the 26th; corresponding apparently with your experience, excepting the hail-storm; the chill of which we felt, however.

General Messy is now here and preparing to return to his post in the interior within a few days.

Canton, March 4, 1879.

For the past few days we have had a considerable fall of rain, and the farmers have reason to be grateful to the Great Creator of all things and Oliver of all good, who has thus again encouraged their labours by this seasonable rain. May the crops be good, and harvested in due season, so that the cultivator's joy may be complete, and peace and gladness reign supreme throughout the length and breadth of this vast Empire, and want and misery be banished hence for ever.

The "City of Rams" has seen many changes during the last 20 years; and Foreign Arts and Science are gradually working their way into society, and all classes. Kerosine lamps and oil, as well as fancy models of various descriptions and mixtures of all sizes and dimensions, are very generally used throughout the city; the use of foreign coins has entirely superseded native apices and schools have been established for the education of women, following the example of the missionary schools which have been established for that purpose, under European or Native teachers. Steam engines of all sizes and descriptions are being placed on board native built crafts of grotesque forms, and much attention appears to have been spent in that direction as little steamers are puffing and snorting past at all hours of the day, bound on various missions, some towing junks full of native officials going to their homes in the country, and others towing junks full of foreign merchandise, or war material of some kind. The Literati acknowledge with delight many benefits derived from the advent of Europeans—the principal one, in their estimation, being their success in carrying off by some of their number of the highest honours at the Triennial Examinations for some time past; this they attribute

to the rectification of the evil influences of Fung Shui by the erection of three small Lighthouses in the River opposite the Yeo Nan-mun—and the appointment of several Cantonese as Ambassadors to Foreign Powers is another distinction they are proud of. Let us hope they will continue in this view of thinking, and may commerce revive, and the hopes of all who are interested in this matter be realised speedily, and Happiness and Prosperity abound to all.

W. MESSEY.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

The C. C. S. N. Co.'s steamers *Shun Lee* and *Taku* were expected to leave this morning (27th) for Tientsin direct; and the *Fungshun* and *Paukai*, along to the C. M. S. N. Co., and the *Sin Nanping*, belonging to the C. C. S. N. Co., are announced to leave on Saturday. With one or two exceptions all the steamers accounted to run North, will, we understand, leave during the next few days.

We are informed that Chén, the Chinese Magistrate, has entrusted the control of the Mixed Court to the foreign Assessors during his temporary absence at Sochow.

The machinery to be used in the Lan Chow-fu woolen factory has arrived in Shanghai, and will, we are informed, be shortly despatched to Hankow, en route to its destination.

The great question whether the black fowls of the Langshan district on the Yangtze River are a pure and distinct breed, or are merely a cross with Coochin Chinas, seems to be still a moot point with fanciers and exhibitors at Home, judges at poultry shows even appearing to disagree on the point. Mr. A. Skene, of Aberdeen, when in Shanghai about a couple of years ago, sent a number of the birds, obtained direct from the Langshan district, to Mr. John Thomson, of Aberdeen, an enthusiastic poultry fancier, who has since successfully bred from and exhibited the birds and their progeny. The question of purity of breed, however, remaining as we have above said, an unsettled point, Mr. Skene has sent us several copies of *The Live Stock Journal*, in which was published correspondence on the subject, with a request that we would reproduce it, in the hope that it may lead to the discovery of some authority near the "home" of the birds, which would help to settle the controversy now raging, and once for all give the fowls their true position amid the feathered tribes.

(Courier.)

The machinery for the Lan-chow-fu woolen mills arrived by the *Esperanza*, and was landed a day or so ago. It is all of German manufacture.

Sir Edmund Hornby is a candidate for the vacant office of Controller to the Corporation of London.

Six lighters went down to Woosung this afternoon (28th) to take cargo from the *Genkai Maru*, as she could not get over the bar without being lightened.

The *Shen Pao* has heard that in consequence of the possibility of a rupture with Russia, the people of Yarkand have volunteered of their own accord to furnish a contingent of ten thousand men, to be encamped at Kashgar, the people of Yarkand themselves defraying all the expenses of the force. The men of Yuan-chia-sha, (possibly Yinkashan), in order to show their loyalty to the Chinese Emperor, have offered to form the vanguard of the army in case of war.

Both the Shanghai native papers publish a proclamation issued by the Grain Transport Board for Chekiang and Kiang-su at Shanghai, notifying sea-going junks engaged in the grain transport to Tientsin that, according to established custom, they will be allowed to carry private goods, to the amount of one fifth of their total cargo, free from all duty. Opium, however, will be charged thirty taels per picul. Anything that they cannot find sale for at Tientsin, they will be allowed to re-export duty free from Tientsin to Newchwang. In calculating the proportion of grain and private cargo, a fan or shik of rice will be taken as 120 catties. The poles carried on the sides of the junks in bad weather, will also be duty free. Similar privileges are accorded to the steamers of the China Merchants' Company engaged in the transport of grain.

SPIRIT OF THE NATIVE PRESS.

THE ARMY OF THE CANTON PROVINCE.

The *Shen Pao* (Shanghai) calls attention to the state of the army in the Canton Province. The measures which the authorities have found it necessary to adopt for the suppression of the Hainan rebellion in Hainan betray the weakness of the troops. The Canton regular army consists of forty thousand men. The number is large; but when the Taiping rebellion broke out, it showed itself utterly useless. The soldiers were men who were in the habit of living quietly with their families in their own homes, with nothing to animate them or excite their courage; they had generals who paid no attention to them and only cared for their own comfort; they were badly drilled, and armed with antiquated weapons. It is not surprising that they ran away at the first sight of the rebels. The men who finally conquered the Taipings were militia men, or "braves." These latter were men without homes or families; they were well paid and well cared for, and were subjected to strict discipline, and were incomparably superior to the regular troops. When peace was restored, they were all discharged and left to shift for themselves. This was not done because the Government did not know their worth; but because, when the war taxes were taken off, there were no funds with which to pay them, especially as all the towns that were reconquered from the rebels were impoverished and half depopulated. Although the disbanded troops could not be avoided, still that is what brought about the present difficulty. If a petty affair in Hainan causes all this trouble, what would happen if a serious rebellion were to take place, and the disbanded troops, with all their old skill and experience, joined the rebels, as they would be sure to do? There were no "braves" in the days of Kang-hi, and it was entirely by means of the regular Chinese army that the Emperor crushed the three great rebellions. But he was a man of great ability, and his orders were obeyed and his plans carried out. The Government and Governor-General at the commencement of the Taiping rebellion

were not only wanting in ability and experience, but they did not even try to do their best. They only thought of screening themselves from blame, reported defeats as victories, and would not co-operate with the armies of other provinces. It is to be feared that after ten years of peace affairs are now getting into somewhat the same state as they were then. At any rate Li Yang-ta's rebellion and invasion of Tonquin have been most improperly neglected, from which the most serious results may possibly occur.

EDUCATION OF CHINESE IN HONGKONG.

Along article in the *Hongkong Sin-Pao* advocates the extension of Chinese studies in the Colony. The writer first describes the good effects, moral and intellectual, of studying the Chinese classics, and lays stress on the excellence of the system of choosing officials by literary examinations. He then remarks on the importance of Hongkong as being the great place of meeting and intercourse between Chinese and Europeans, and is glad to be able to say that the education of the Chinese there has been improving lately. But while foreigners have done much in establishing schools to teach the Chinese and encouraging the students by prizes, the Chinese themselves have done but little. Any Chinaman who wishes to benefit the rising generation could not do it better than by the encouragement of literature; and this would best be accomplished by promoting schools for the teaching of literary composition, or essay writing. If some of the wealthier residents would subscribe a sum producing a yearly interest of three or four hundred taels, it would be possible both to pay for the services of a really able scholar, who has passed his first and second examinations, as a teacher, and to devote the rest of the money to the expenses of the school. If a sum, such as now proposed, cannot be raised, something might be done by collecting a small subscription annually and giving it to the masters of the best schools already existing, to be bestowed in prizes to the scholars who distinguish themselves in at periodical examinations.

—Shanghai Courier.

CHINESE BRITISH SUBJECTS.

(N. C. Daily News.)

During the past fortnight a certain amount of the attention of the public has been given to the case of a native of Singapore, named Kum Allum, whose recognition as a British subject has for a short period of his life been refused by Her Majesty's Consul. The question has been complicated with strange proceedings in the Mixed Court, ridiculous placards on our street walls, and, it is rumoured, with conflicting rulings and decisions on the part of the various Judiciary and Consular authorities, in whose jurisdiction it is our privilege to live. The consequence is that, while the real points of the case have been lost sight of, there have been, on the part of some, unnecessary outcries against a purely imaginary wrong, and, on the part of others, unkind laughter at the spectacle of a Chinaman in an ulster.

Chinamen are peculiar people, as we all know; but the most peculiar tribe of them are the dwellers in the Straits Settlements, and their offspring. They return in large numbers to the Treaty ports of their fatherland, and if "piggin" is good invariably land, and if "piggin" is bad invariably settle permanently. On their arrival in China, they find that there are many privileges secured to British subjects by Treaty and by British Law, while, at the same time, these privileges are accompanied by certain disabilities of a more or less onerous character. They find it is in some cases very convenient to be sued in a Court whose judges are incorruptible, and in others most inconvenient not to be able to secure a verdict when able and willing to pay for it. Naturally enough, instead of declaring themselves Chinese or British subjects, they have long been wont to accommodate their nationality to the circumstances of the moment, and to assume the citizenship of that country which at any given crisis best protects their immediate interests. The result of this was, as the archive of many a Consulate and our own columns could show, to cause much acrimonious correspondence between rival sets of authorities, each claiming the right to punish or protect these slippery citizens and to give plenty of opportunities for jobbery. To put an end to this state of things, Sir Rutherford Alcock some years ago issued a notification that all persons of Chinese descent claiming to be British subjects were not to be recognised as such, unless they habitually wore the ordinary dress of Englishmen. The notification remained a dead letter for years, until the nuisance became so intolerable, that, we believe, strict orders were given to our Consuls in China in 1877 to carry out this law. In 1878, in Shanghai, were informed that the whole of these Straits Chinese refused to comply therewith, and sent a petition home to England through a foreign lawyer, to be relieved from the necessity of wearing the hated European costume. It has now transpired from the proceedings in Kum Allum's case, that this petition has never been taken the slightest notice of. When an Englishman refuses to comply with a law, how capricious soever it may be, petitions to the legislative body against the law, and then sets up the petition as a reason for not complying with it, there can be no answer to his petition, or, if any, but one. The proper course for Kum Allum and his brethren would have been to show the value they put on British citizenship by donning a European costume at once, and thereafter petition, giving their reasons for wishing to be relieved of the obligation imposed on them.

In the beginning of this year, then, it seems there were no recognised British subjects of Chinese descent in Shanghai. They had refused to do the one thing which could entitle them to recognition and protection as British subjects. One of them, Kum Allum by name, seems to have had some difficulties with a friend, and as he had of his own free will rejected his British nationality, he was summoned by the Mixed Court. This being one of the incidents in his career where the balance of advantage seemed to be decidedly in favour of the assumption of his British character, and to outweigh the inconveniences and ridicule attaching to European clothes, he at once saw fit to comply with the law which he had for more than a year spurned. Attired as an Englishman he applied for registration, and this Her Majesty's Consul at once granted him. At the same time he seems to have warned him that as he had brought himself by his own act into the Mixed Court, and rendered himself for a period amenable to the jurisdiction of the Chinese authorities by refusing to comply with the conditions upon which alone he could claim the protection of which British authorities, so far as regards all acts and omissions during that period he was and

must be a Chinaman. This was the course prescribed by common sense, and no palladium of English liberty was invaded. It would be intolerable that a Chinaman, who happens to be born in Singapore, should come to Shanghai, spend the months imposed upon him by the constituted authorities by which he may claim British protection, and which he may get into trouble comply with these conditions in order to save himself from the consequences.

Into the larger question of what constitutes a British subject, we do not propose to enter. It is very certain that birth on the soil of a country does not make a man a citizen of that country, else all our children born here would be Chinese.

A correspondent writes on this subject as follows:—

To the Editor of the NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS.—Sir, May I ask where the "law" exists requiring British subjects to wear any particular style of dress. All the statutes relating to apparel were repealed 1, James I., Cap. 25, and their repeal indicated the growing change from feudal to modern political ideas. Since then no summary law has been permitted to remain on the Statute Book, and any attempt to reintroduce such would be deemed unconstitutional. The *ius cogens* of a British Minister cannot override constitutional law, even if in any case it could have a legal foundation. Yours truly,

[We should say that, as the donning of the British "Ulster" was a preliminary not enabling the applicant to claim the privileges and protection of a British subject, no unconstitutional question whatever can be raised.—Ed. China Mail.]

THE DAILY PRESS.—The *Printer's Register* of the 6th inst. contains its annual list of the daily newspapers, which for the first time is diminished instead of increased in length. From it we learn that there are now but 143 daily newspapers in the United Kingdom, as against 151 last year. Eighteen are published in London, 85 in the provinces, 2 in Wales, 41 in Scotland, 10 in Ireland, and one in Jersey. Seventy-eight are morning papers and 65 evening; 7 are published at a penny, 43 at a half-penny, and the remainder (10) at prices varying from 1d. to 3d. Sixty-four are returned as Liberal, 37 as Conservative, and 42 as Independent or neutral.

The *Hanpoon Times* of the 1st inst. gives an ominous account of the young King of Burmah. Our contemporary says:—From information, coming to us from a source we have always found reliable, we learn that a great change has come over the Prince or King Thein Baw, since he ascended the throne. From a comparatively speaking mild young man, of somewhat ascetic tastes, he has shown symptoms of developing into a monarch of the type of King Tharawaddi, his grandfather. Nor is his Majesty, if report speaks truth, an unwilling victim of circumstances. He never appears in public without a spear, the same weapon that he has already used on the persons of several members of his court whose manners have displeased his Majesty. This spear, it seems, is a sort of heirloom in the royal family of Burmah. It is, or is said to be, the identical weapon carried about by the monster Tharawaddi, with which he was wont to chastise not seldom fatally any one with whom he happened to be displeased. With this weapon Tharawaddi is said to have slain the Vindar-Mon-gye, the father of the present Magway-Mon-gye; so that any unfortunate victim of the young King's rage, will have the satisfaction, if satisfaction it be, of knowing that he was struck with a weapon which has already been stained by some of the best blood in Burmah. The young King has also developed a taste for brutal and degrading sports and amusements, dividing his time between his harem, and elephant sports, while his poor subjects are in distress, distress which is increasing daily.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, March 5, 1879.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash,...	\$595
" "	credit, —
" Old Patna, cash,...	—
" "	credit, —
" New Benares, cash, 560	—
" "	credit, —
" Old Benares, cash, —	—
" "	credit, —
" New Malwa, cash, 800	—
" "	credit, —
" Allowance Teels, —	—
" Old Malwa, cash, —	—
" "	credit, 800
" Allowance Teels, —	—

Exchange.

Bank, Wire, ...	3/5 1/2
" 30 days' sight, ...	3/4
" 60 days' sight, ...	3/4 1/2
Credit, ...	3/4 1/2
Documentary, 9 months' sight, ...	3/7 1/2
India, Wire, ...	220
" demand, ...	218
Shanghai, demand, ...	73
" 90 days' sight, ...	100 1/2
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ...	109
Sycee, ...	109
Mexicans, ...	2 1/2
Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 touch, ...	25.30
Sovereigns, ...	5.87

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 45 p. prem.	
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,450	
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,800	
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,400	
Yongtse Ins. Assoc., Tls. 715	
Chinese Insurance Co., \$300	
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$700 ex div.	
China Fire Ins. Co., \$170 ex div.	
H.K. & W. Dock Co., par.	
H.K. & M. S.-boat Co., \$7 dia.	
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 16	
China Coast St. Nav. Co., Tls. 105	
Hongkong Gas Co., \$50	
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$35	
China Sugar Refining Co., \$127, ex div.	
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$112	
Do. of 1877, \$113	

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG

Balls.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
Also,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 8th March, 1879,
at Noon, the Company's S. S.
A. V. A. Commandant RAPATTEL, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and
CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.
Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 7th March, 1879. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)
(Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.)
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879. ma8



STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;
Also,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
GEORGE, Captain O. FRASER, will leave
this on SATURDAY, the 15th March, at
Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. MOLLER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879. ma15

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL

and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELGIO will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on MONDAY, the 17th day of March, 1879,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to
Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.
Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 16th March. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.
For further information as to Freight
on Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 26, 1879. ma17

Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.
No. 8.—Vol. VII.

OF THE
"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

Settings from the Book of Rites.
Geographical Notes on the Province of
Kiang.
Ethnological Sketches from the Dawn of
History.
Coins of the "Ta-Tsing" Dynasty.
The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.
The Ballads of the Shih-king.
Translations of Chinese School-books.
Tone and Vocal Modification in the
Foonchow Dialect.
Legislation and Law in Ancient China.
A Flee for "Fan-kwai."
Short Notices of New Books and Literary
Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—
Taxes on Industries in Canton.
A Bit of Folk-lore about Candles,
Lamps and Fire.
Legends on Chinese Porcelain.
Tame Birds.
To make a Tui (Antithesis).
"Respect This."
The Army of Kwangtung.
Gutta Percha in China.
Chinese Dialects.
"Confucius Losing a Horse in the
Desert."

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,
Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

To Let.

TO LET.

GREENMOUNT,
Possession on or before 15th May.
Apply to
GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable
for OFFICES and DWELLING, also
for a STORE, Queen's Road Central.
Possession 1st March next.
Apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East:—
FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 2 and 4,
Praya East.

As also,

A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the
DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier,
with part of its spacious Verandah. Imme-
diate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
MARINE LOT 65.

Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close
to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on
Storage or the Yard Rented.
For further particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,
Praya Central.
Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GO-
DOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60,
Praya Central.
Apply to
WO HANG,
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of
Mr F. GROBIEN in our Firm
CEASES To-day.
SANDER & Co.
Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of
Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our
Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASES on
the 31st December last.
Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is
admitted a Partner from this Date.
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the
Undersigned in the Chinese Mail,
華字日報 (Wah Tse Yat Po),
CEASES from the 1st August, 1877, but
Debts prior to that Date will be received
and paid by him.
CHUN AYIN.
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged
the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CHUN,
as Translator and General Manager of the
newspaper, which under its new regime
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-
cellent medium for advertising, especially
as the Manager is able to devote his whole
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.
KONG CHAM,
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail,
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Insurance.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent,
Hongkong, December 8, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

Insurance.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saigon and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.
NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary,
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE

COMPANY OF

MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling

of which is paid up £100,000

Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000

Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed

Agents for the above Company at

Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,

and Hankow, and are prepared to grant

Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

SWISS LLOYD

TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY

OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Company, have

this Day taken over charge of the Hong-

kong Agency, and are prepared to grant

INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current

Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-

ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents in Hongkong for the above-

named Company, are prepared to Grant

POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and

on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the

usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-

count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable

reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in

China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and

Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1800.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong

for the above Company, are prepared to

grant Policies against FIRE, to the

extent of £10,000 on any Building, or

on Merchandise in the same, at the

usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20

per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above

Company, are prepared to grant In-

surances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant

Policies against the Risk of FIRE on

Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on

Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of

Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms

and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-

ceived, and transmitted to the Directors

for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on

first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single

Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-

posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton,
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Adria	2 h	Stewart	Brit.	str.	789	Mar. 5	P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Albay	8 c	F. Ashton	Brit.	str.	366	Jan. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	K'loon Dock
Aliso	7 h	Drewes	Ger.	str.	814	Feb. 26	Slomson & Co.	put back
Amoy	5 c	Scott	Brit.	str.	1271	Feb. 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Ab'deen Dock
Argyll	3 c	Petersen	Ger.	str.	782	Mar. 4	Meyer & Co.	to-day
Atlanta	2 h	Thomson	Brit.	str.	922	Feb. 24	Hop Kee	Hoihow & Haiphong
Atholl	1 h	Rapatt	Foh.	str.	2015	Mar. 4	Messageries Maritimes	Sapone and Penang
Ava	5 c	Meyer	Brit.	str.	2652	Feb. 26	O. & S. S. Co.	7th inst.
Belgio	1 h	Meyer	Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Achong	Mails, 8th
Bombay	1 h	Alderton	Brit.	str.	1036	Feb. 27	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yama & S. F. de
China	5 c	Ackermann	Ger.	str.	648	Mar. 5	Slomson & Co.	17th, 3 p.m.
China	5 c	Scott	Brit.	str.	317	Feb. 20	H-shun Hong	Yokohama
Conquest	5 c	Thompson	Brit.	str.	654	Mar. 4	Tuen Fat Hong	Canton
Diomed	5 c	Jackson	Brit.	str.	1240	Mar. 5	Butterfield & Swire	Hoihow & Haiphong
Emeralda	5 c	Cullen	Brit.	str.	395	Mar. 4	Russell & Co.	7th inst.
Fame	5 c	Stopani	Brit.	str.	117	Feb. 25	H.K. & W'poo Dock Co.	Shanghai
Killarney	5 c	O'Neill	Brit.	str.	1060	Feb. 25	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Amoy
Namoa	5 h	Westoby	Brit.	str.	862	Mar. 1	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-day
Norona	3 k	Edmondson	Brit.	str.	806	June 28	Kwok Achong	Tug Flying
Ocean	4 d	Edmondson	Brit.	str.	971	Feb. 1	Jco. R. Stevens & Co.	Port Darwin
Olympia	2 h	Nagel	Ger.	str.	783	Mar. 3	Slomson & Co.	Coast Ports
Sea Gull	8 h	Lamont	Amer.	str.	48	July 18	W. H. Ray	7th, daylig
Thales	2 h	Bauer	Brit.	str.	820	Jan. 9	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Australian Ports
Zephyr	1 b	Bauer	Brit.	str.	820	Jan. 9	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	8th inst.
							Russell & Co.	K'loon Dock
Sailing Vessels								
Alden Besse	4 c	Noyes	Amer.	bge.	850	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Alfredo	8 c	Pittaluga	Ital.	bge.	909	Jan. 17	Vogel & Co.	10th inst.
Arabella	1 c	Pearson	Brit.	bge.	665	Feb. 4	Master	Manila
Beethoven	4 k	Blaje	Ger.	bge.	340	Jan. 26	Melchers & Co.	Saloon
Black Hawk	8 c	Kendall	Amer.	sh.	1120	Jan. 13	Vogel & Co.	Cleared
Black Watch	4 c	Glenah	Brit.	bge.	491	Dec. 6	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	San Francisco
Catherine Marden	4 c	Marden	Brit.	3m. so.	287	Feb. 22	Captain	Channel f.o.
Charmar	4 c	Lucas	Amer.	sh.	1333	Jan. 8	Order	
Christina	8 c	Capra	Nic. 3m. so.	173	Dec. 2	J. J. dos Remedios & Co.		
Coeran	8 h	Coeran	Amer.	sch.	188	July 18	W. H. Ray	
Coloma	4 c	Hal	Amer.	bge.	853	Nov. 15	Russell & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Cragie Lea	7 c	Winther	Brit.	bge.	622	Mar. 1	Butterfield & Swire	
Davina	8 h	Scott	Brit.	bge.	426	Feb. 17	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	
Deux Freres	8 c	Chamson	Foh.	bge.	357	Feb. 8	Landstein & Co.	Takao
Echo	1 c	Tozer	Brit.	bge.	369	Feb. 26	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Cleared
Elizabeth Childs	1 c	Linbergh	Ger.	bge.	891	Mar. 3	Wieler & Co.	Obetoo
Eve	1 c	Mercedon	Foh.	bge.	327	Mar. 8	Meyer & Co.	
Excellior	3 c	Kloots	Ger.	bge.	647	Feb. 17	Slomson & Co.	Tientsin
Formosa	4 k	Strickland	Ger.	bge.	282	Feb. 6	Melchers & Co.	
Forward	2 c	Vandervord	Brit.	bge.	744	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Friedrich	4 c	Bertelsen	Ger.	3m. so.	295	Mar. 8	Wieler & Co.	
Hansa	4 k	Densken	Ger.	bge.	499	Feb. 4	Wieler & Co.	Hamburg
Harehurst	4 k	Goudry	Brit.	bge.	877	Jan. 18	Vogel & Co.	New York
Herbert Black	4 k	Treat	Amer.	bge.	573	Jan. 2	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Highlander	4 k	Rutholson	Amer.	sh.	1352	June 18	Vogel & Co.	
Holstein	8 c	Kulper	Ger.	3m. so.	281	Jan. 10	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg
Humboldt	4 k	Stoll	Ger.	bge.	380	Feb. 18	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Manila
Invincible	4 c	Strickland	Amer.	sh.	1450	Dec. 6	Meyer & Co.	Callao
Irene	4 c	Yates	Amer.	sch.	481	Jan. 13	Meyer & Co.	Touron
James Shepherd	5 c	Madden	Brit.	bge.	849	Feb. 14	Melchers & Co.	Cleared
Johann Schmidt	8 k	Bösche	Ger.	bge.	493	Mar. 1	Melchers & Co.	
Julie	1 c	Lannay	Fren.	bge.	504	Feb. 12	Carlowitz & Co.	Saloon
Kirkland	4 k	Colledge	Brit.	bge.	453	Jan. 24	Wieler & Co.	Newchwang
Large	7 c	Brown	Brit.	bge.	751	Feb. 17	Edward Schellhass & Co.	
Lota	8 c	Dudfield	Brit.	bge.	472	Jan. 13	Order	
Marquis of Argyll	8 c	McKoon	Brit.	bge.	600	Dec. 24	Rozario & Co.	
Matchless	4 c	Dawes	Amer.	sh.	1165	Nov. 10	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
Mignon	3 c	Soule	Amer.	3m. so.	484	Jan. 1	Vogel & Co.	Honolulu
Morning Star	1 h	Michaelsen	Siam.	bge.	570	Dec. 10	Chinese	
Nehemiah Gibson	8 h	Bradford	Brit.	bge.	741	Feb. 23	Meyer & Co.	
Pacific Slope	1 b	Tank	Brit.	bge.	739	Feb. 24	Russell & Co.	Takao
Papa	8 h	Riose	Ger.	bge.	392	Feb. 23	Slomson & Co.	Cleared
Penobscot	7 c	Chopierione	Amer.	bge.	1133	Feb. 23	Butterfield & Swire	Ab'deen Dock
Penrith	4 k	Remington	Brit.	bge.	649	Feb. 20	Melchers & Co.	
Pheton	4 k	Scheel	Brit.	bge.	576	Feb. 24	Wieler & Co.	Saloon
Ralph M. Hayward	2 c	Doane	Amer.	sch.	605	Feb. 14	Captain	Cleared
Saga	4 c	Silversparre	Swed.	bge.	455	Feb. 16	Wieler & Co.	
Silver Eagle	4 c	Richard	Brit.	bge.	908	Jan. 21	Slomson, Bell & Co.	
Stillman R. Allen	4 c	Taylor	Amer.	bge.	586	Jan. 26	Vogel & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Stonewall Jackson	4 k	Bartlett	Amer.	bge.	1162	Dec. 30	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	
Streathro	4 c	Millar	Brit.	bge.	1156	Dec. 27	Vogel & Co.	London
Strathmore	4 k	Hemsworth	Brit.	bge.	500	Dec. 21	Captain	
Sumaridge	4 c	Olaisen	Norw.	sch.	943	Jan. 9	Vogel & Co.	London
Sumatra	3 k	Cloagh	Amer.	sh.	1030	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.	
Sydenham	4 c	Miller	Brit.	sch.	1063	Jan. 5	Vogel & Co.	K'loon Dock
Tartar	4 c	Kamona	Ger.	bg.	256	Feb. 27	Melchers & Co.	
Thos. & Giddard	4 c	Smith	Amer.	bge.	682	Jan. 9	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	
Thomas Fletcher	3 k	Pendleton	Amer.	bge.	645	Feb. 23	Captain	
Three Brothers	2 h	Kahleke	Brit.	bge.	367	Feb. 24	Te Yee Hong	
Vicenta	3 c	Fremoye	Span.	bge.	518	Jan. 24	Remedios & Co.	Manila
Wandering Minstrel	8 c	Sleewright	Brit.	bge.	362	Feb. 17	Captain	
WHAMPOA								
Helene		Volguardsen	Ger.	bge.	372	Jan. 18	Wieler & Co.	Nientin
Paul Marie.		Gallard	Foh.	bge.	324	Feb. 20	Carlowitz & Co.	Nientin
CANTON								
Hwai Yuen		Wilson	Chl.	str.	735	Mar. 30	M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai